

WAT Highlights

Woodard Academies Trust – CPD and Wellbeing

World-class CPD at the touch of a button

WAT's commitment to the very best in staff CPD continues into the new academic year with two fantastic events in October. On 1st and 2nd October the Trust was in attendance at the highly acclaimed EduGive Conference, with presenters including Christine Counsell, Bennie Kara, Mary Myatt, Alex Quigley and Jon Hutchinson. All sessions are available as recordings to WAT staff [here](#).

Developing all WAT staff

The Woodard Webinars series kicked off for the academic year on 12 October with Peps Mccrea presenting on Motivating Learning. It was an incredibly useful session for all staff working with students in our academies, packed with research and practical tips. This webinar has been recorded for all WAT staff and will be available [here](#).



Health Assured: Health and Wellbeing for all WAT staff

All WAT staff are entitled to free support from our Employee Access Programme, Health Assured. This programme covers areas including:

- Mental health
- Physical health
- Financial and legal wellbeing

The service offers a 24-hour helpline with access to counselling, support, guidance and advice, as well as discounts at stores such as Nike, FitBit, Cotswold Outdoor and HelloFresh. Please visit:

www.healthassuredeap.co.uk

The service is also available as the My Healthy Advantage app.

Questions, comments or suggestions relating to this newsletter?
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Blog and Research Roundup

The best of education's recent blogs, webinars and articles

Webinar: Cognitive science approaches in the classroom

<https://researchschool.org.uk/eastlondon/news/cognitive-science-approaches-in-the-classroom>

Thread: Claire Hill on developing oracy in the classroom:

<https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1434522501867053060.html>

Blog: Jonathan Mountstevens on the value of assemblies

<https://occamshairdryer.wordpress.com/2021/10/03/what-is-the-point-of-assemblies/>

Blog: Helen Skelton: Curriculum thinking has made me a better teacher

<https://elementsoflearning.home.blog/2021/09/24/how-curricular-thinking-has-made-me-a-better-teacher/>

EEF research report: Highly effective teaching assistants

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-blog-maximising-the-impact-of-teaching-assistants-in-the-classroom-exploring-the-evidence>